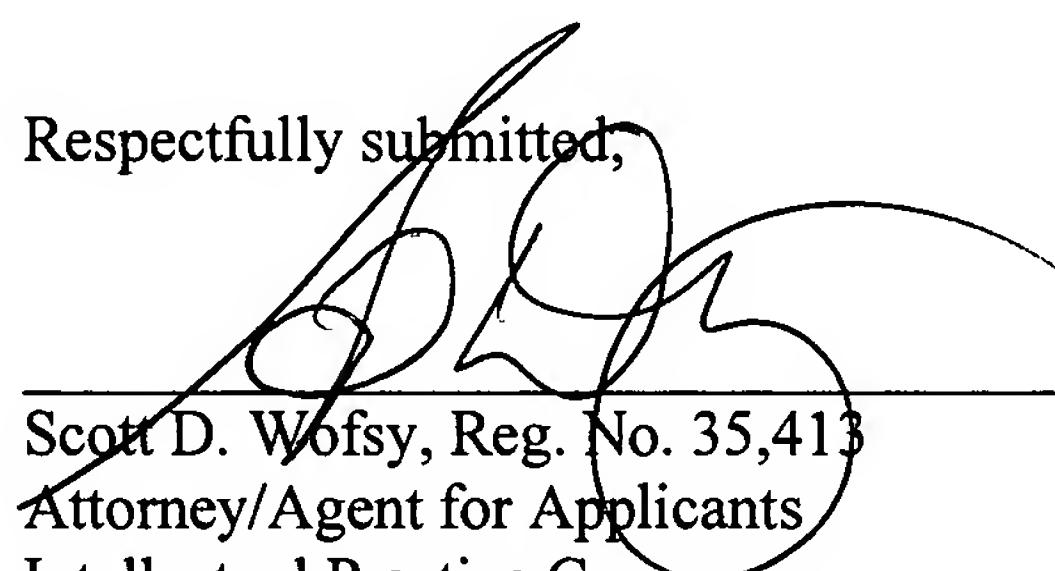


**REMARKS**

Claims 1-58 are pending in this application. By way of this amendment, each of the claims has been amended to place them in proper condition for examination. In addition, the specification has been amended to correct minor informalities present in the original description of the underlying German patent application from which the PCT of the subject national stage application claims priority. No new matter has been added to the subject application by this amendment. Accordingly, early and favorable consideration of the subject application is earnestly solicited.

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